

ABSTRACT

The head of a head assembly for a cutting machine defines a first channel oriented at an oblique angle to an axis of movement of the assembly, a slide, mounted for slidable movement in the channel, between a withdrawn blade position and a plunged blade position, and a blade-holding magazine. The slide has a second channel extending substantially parallel to the first channel for receiving the blade-holding magazine, and the slide and head include cooperating mechanical elements for adjustably limiting the movement of the slide to the plunged blade position. Cooperating mechanical components also adjustably limit the depth of magazine insertion into the second channel.